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# Almighty then!

**1997** is now upon us and I feel as chirpy as a newborn chick, as happy as a spring lamb and as perky as a pot-bellied pig! Those of you who have made resolutions to become a top notch Pet Detective, raise your right hand and say 'I' - c'mon, louder! Spank you!

Some Ace fans will know that it's no easy feat drawing a face that can launch a thousand tails wagging and a bod' that cuts a dachshund figure...nyuk, nyuk! But do not fear, help is at hand this issue with my arty facts and figures. Spike also goes under the microscope, as all the nitty gritty details about the cheeky little capuchin come to light - well, you did ask! Have I whet your appetites, so far? Swell. Dang, time to cut the chat! I'll have to leave you to uncover the other delights in this issue - I gotta case to investigate...Chow for now!

## SUN-PAT

### PRIZE WINNERS!

Let's take an instant replay back to issue one where you'll recall Sun-Pat asking all you utterly nuttly readers this question: "What was the nuttiest thing you've ever done?" Not surprisingly, some of your answers reeheeheeheally took the plectachio! Here are the winners:-



**1st Prize Camcorder Winners!**

Edward Howarth, Truro, Cornwall.

Ryan John Monaghan in Paisley, Scotland, sent in a video of some insane impersonations of the Ace man himself, along with this letter...

Dear Sun-Pat, -  
The nuttiest thing I've ever done was when I first started school, I told my teacher that my mum was only looking after me here on Earth until I returned to my alien Planet of 'Zorb' where my real mum lived!



**Get your magnifying glass out...**

60 snap happy camera runners up:-

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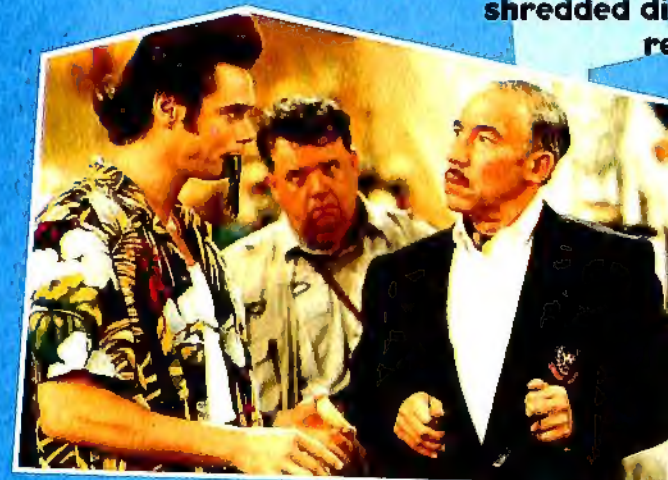


**Worst Feature:** Me? I'm on Mother Nature's 'A' list of perfect creations! Blessed with a superb, streamlined physique, and a drop dead gorgeous mug!

**Bad Habits:** Talking with a mouth full of food. But hey, I guess that's 'cos I don't like mincing my words!

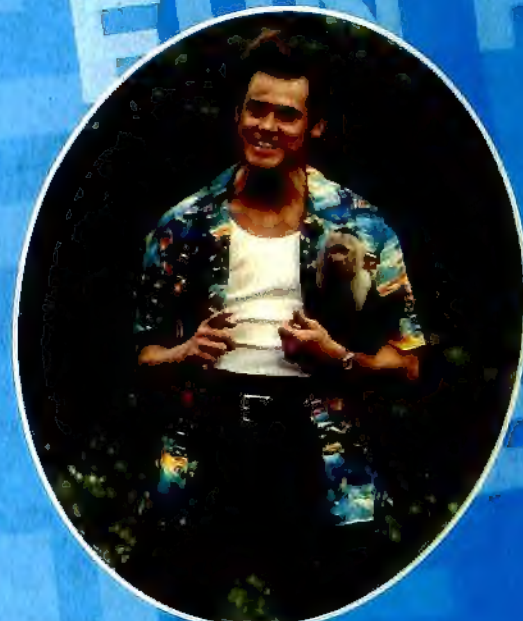
**Embarrassing Moments:** Gee, let me think...I've had a couple of dinner party dilemmas. Like, my little bathroom escapade which left me with a soiled and shredded dinner suit... That reeheeheeheally

left me flushing! Then there was the time I decided to liven up proceedings with some fang-tastically funny asparagus tips! Pity it didn't go down too well with the host...What a party pooper!



**Pet Loves:** At work, it's gotta be my capuchin chum, Spike. At play, I'm partial to cute, curvaceous chicks that always leave me panting! (Who said anything about beaks and feathers?)

**Pet Hates:** B-B-BATS! They're UGLY! So too is ol' Shickadance, my caring, sharing, landlord - natch!



**Heat Eats:** Anything vegetarian, especially nuts and sunflower seeds - they're just the most delectable edibles around.

**Sporting Pastimes:** I get great pleasure hunting down animal nappers and villains!

**Lifetime Ambition:** To protect and to serve all animals - and to pay the rent!



ACE VIDEOS: Pet Detective and Wild Animals Cassettes available from Warner Home Video





# ACE ANIMALS

## THE DUCK-BILLED PLATYPUS

**C**ome to me, jungle friends!" It's not a bird, it's not a cat, but a duck-billed platypus! This creature will astound you with its unusual qualities (rather like me, huh?). Remember, to solve this month's detective story, you gotta pay attention to this info. So, peel back those peepers and switch into Ace mode!



I come from  
the land down  
under...

This egg-laying, semi-aquatic, carnivorous mammal is found in eastern Australia and Tasmania. It makes its home along most streams, rivers, and lakes which have permanent water banks suitable for burrowing.

Typical features of the platypus include its flat, shiny, black, rubbery bill, beaver-like tail, short powerful legs, webbed feet, and dense, dark brown, waterproof fur.



The platypus's daily intake of food amounts to half its body weight and consists of worms, insect larvae, molluscs and crustaceans. Feeding takes place underwater and strangely, it shuts its eyes,



ears, and nose, leaving the electrosensory nerve endings in its bill to detect the presence of food. It crushes its food with the horny plates in the bill and mouth. Behind the bill are two internal cheek pouches, which store food before it is eaten.



point. The broad, flat tail of the platypus serves as an additional fat-storage area, while its thick under-fur provides insulation. The burrows also help control temperature both in winter and summer.



I'm armed, and  
I'm dangerous!

The male platypus has a poisonous horny spur located at the back of the ankle on each hind foot. One jab of the hind limbs can kill an animal such as a dog, and cause agonising pain in humans. This explains why they fall prey to few, if any predators! The venom-producing gland in each spur also marks territory during the breeding season.

Breeding time occurs between late winter and early spring. Using the large broad nails on its front feet, the female gets to work digging a burrow anything between 15 to 60 feet long, at the end of which she builds a nest where up to three eggs are laid. These soft-shelled eggs are incubated for 8 to 10 days. When hatched, the young feed on their mother's milk for three to four months.

In winter, it can regulate its body temperature and keep warm in conditions below freezing

## Woodstock's Fact-O-File



The size of the female is much smaller than the male. Weight changes with season. Typically, the male measures 45-60 centimetres (17.7-23.6 inches) from head to body, the female 39-55 centimetres (15.4-21.7 inches).

The first specimen of a duck-billed platypus (a dried skin) was brought back to Britain in 1798. After examination, it was thought a taxidermist had stitched together the beak of a duck and the body parts of a mammal!

Platypuses have few enemies, but may occasionally compete for food with freshwater fish like trout.

Egg-laying Spiny Anteaters are close relatives of the platypus.



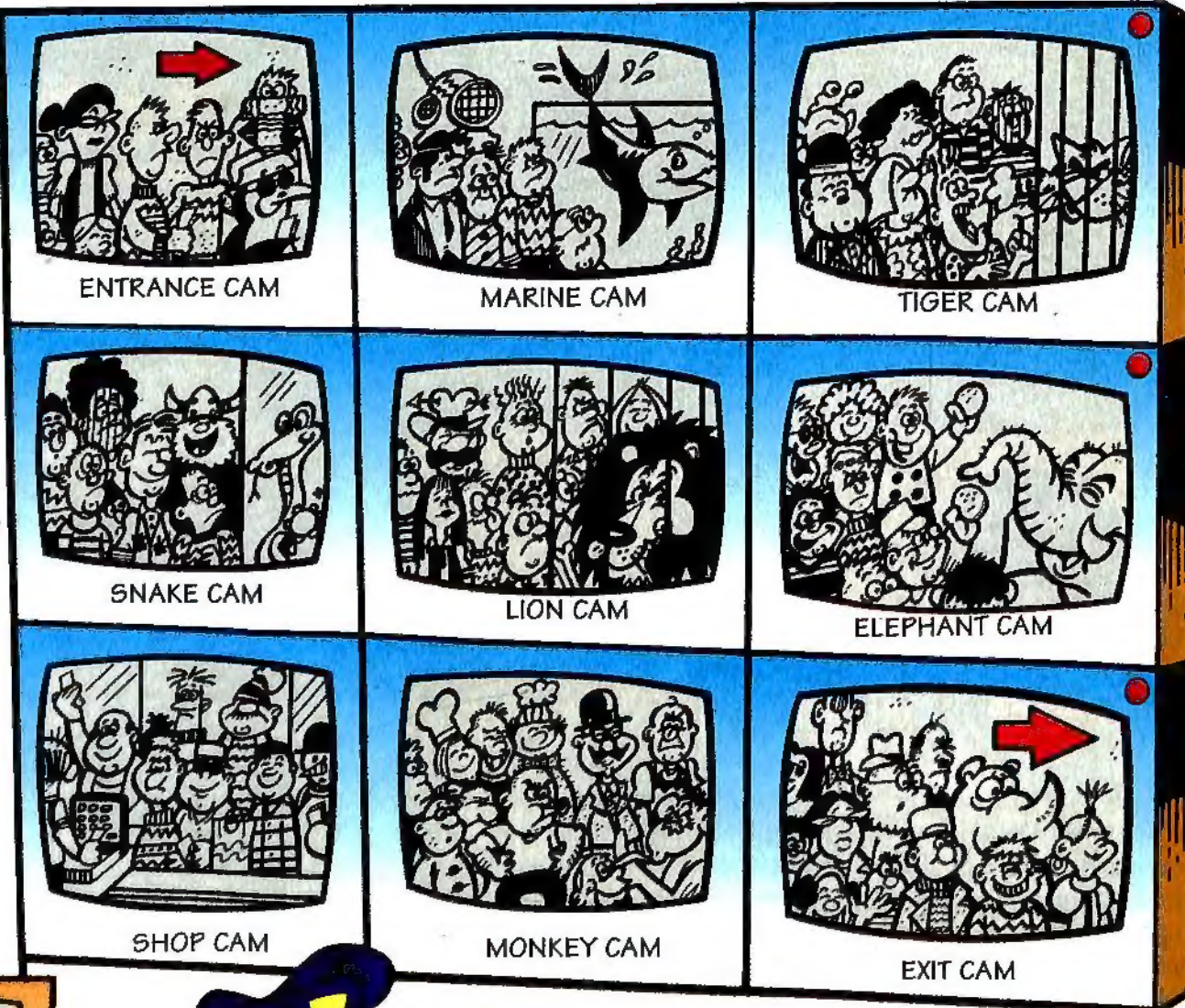




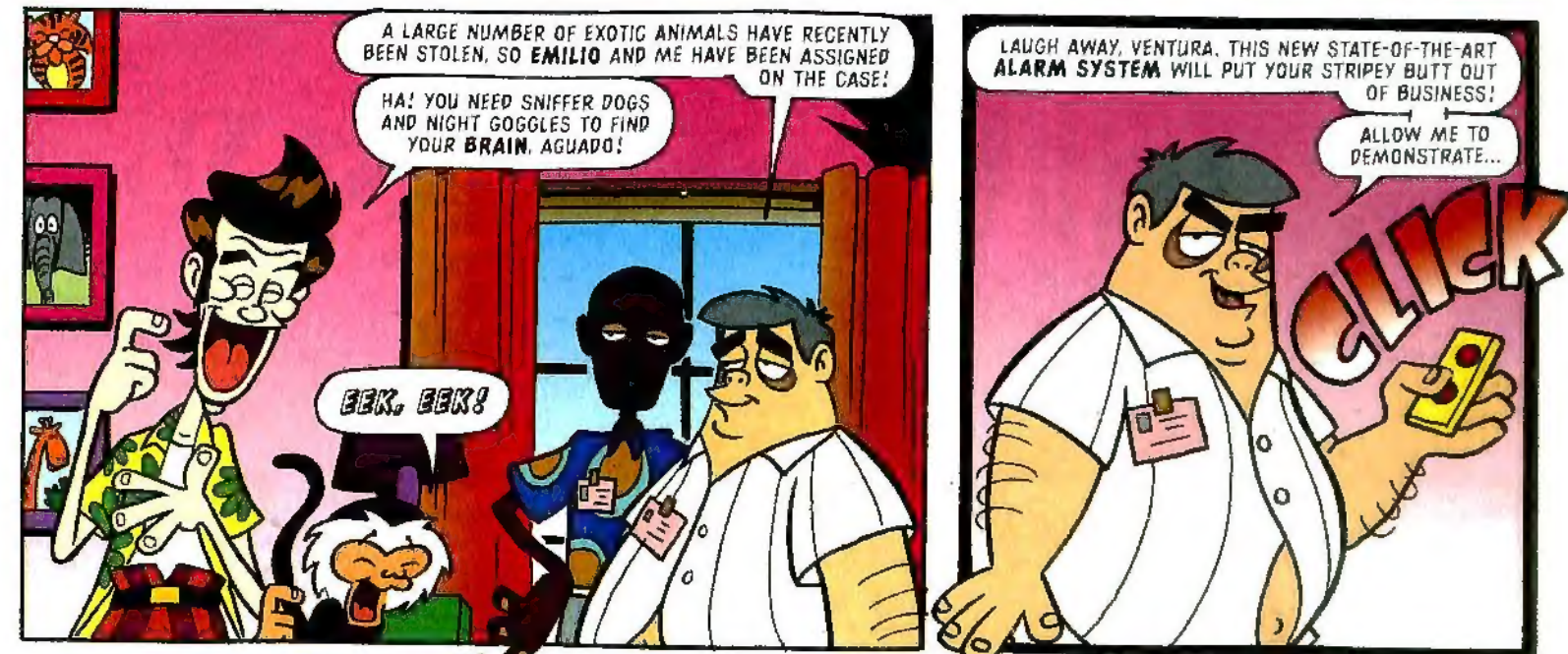
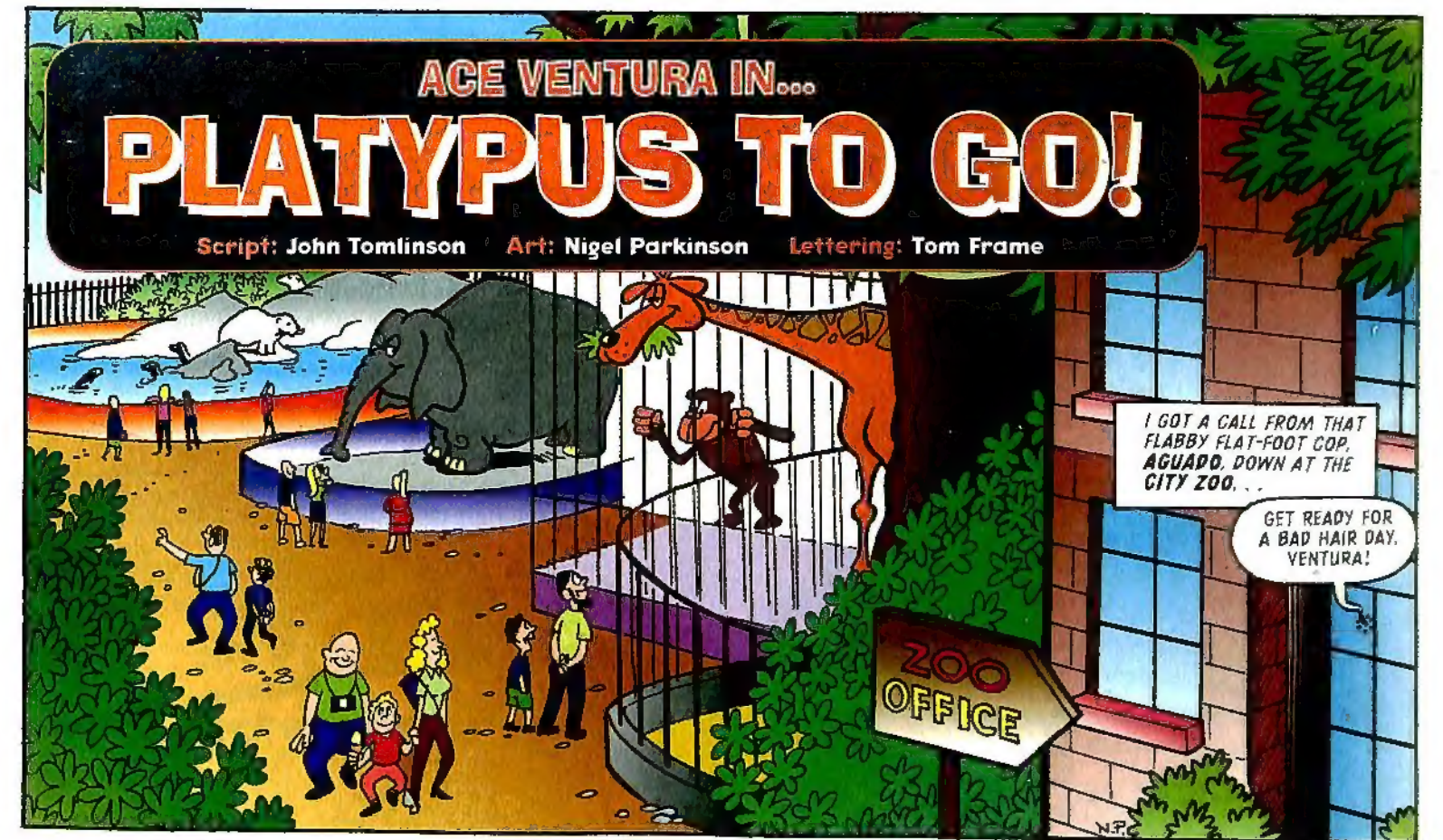
# SCREEN PLOT!

Observation is muchovitalmundo if you wanna play the big detective! So, before you tackle this month's tricky 'tec teaser make sure you power up those peepers!

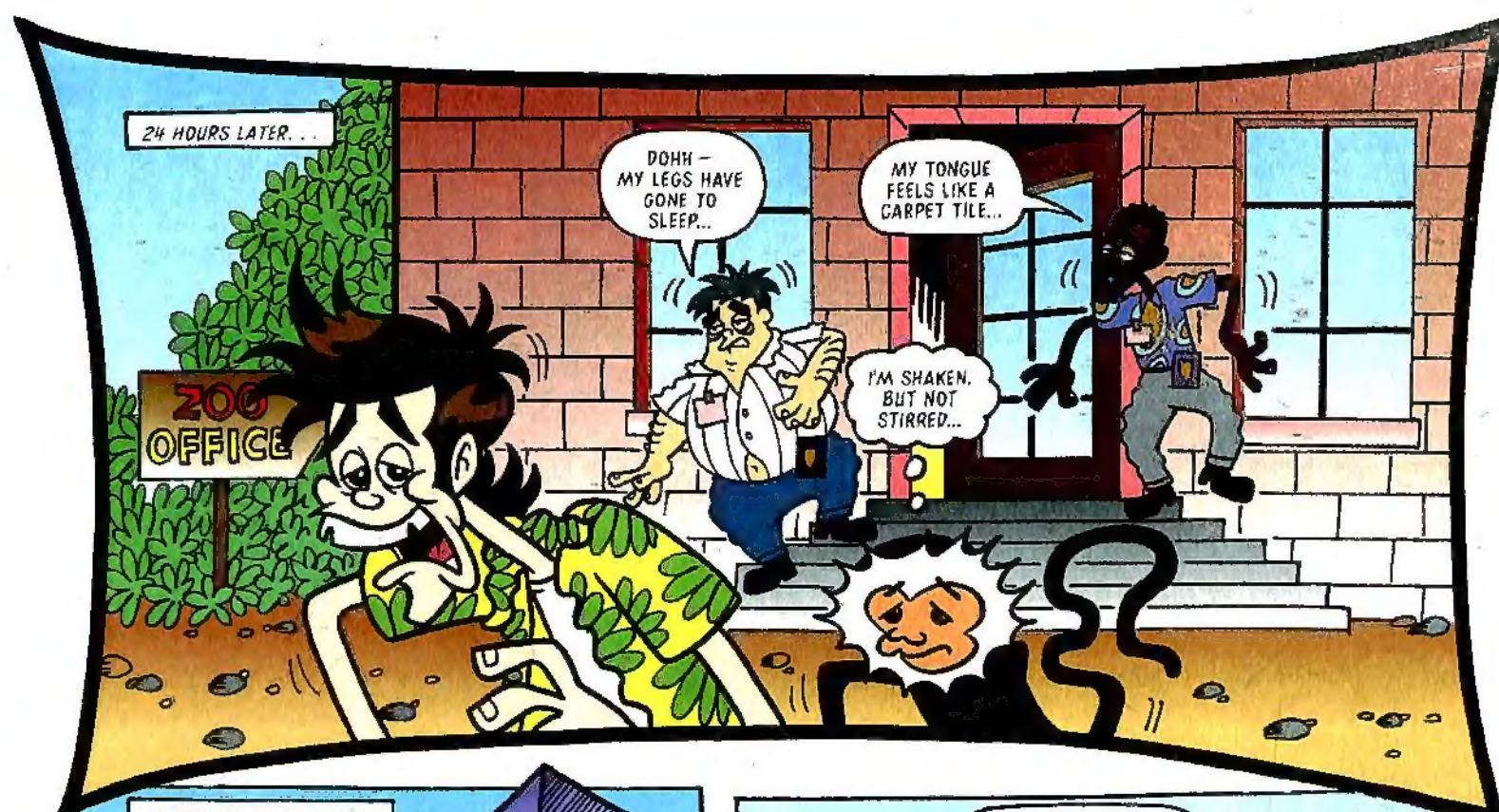
A shady character behaving suspiciously by the Octopus enclosure, was picked up on camera by Zoo Security - he was loitering with **INTENTACLES!** However, he has since retreated to another part of the zoo. Can you trace him on the Security Video Network?



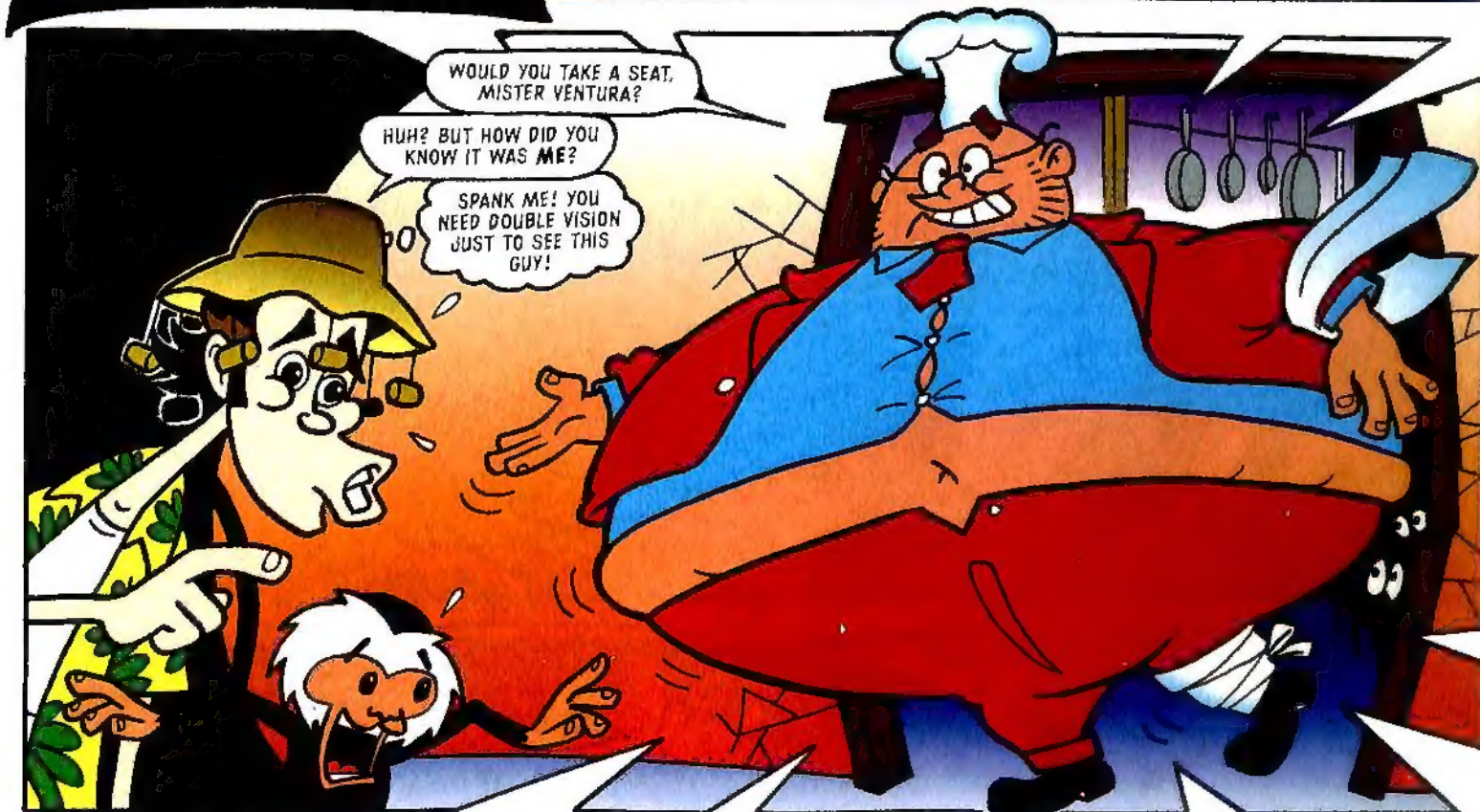
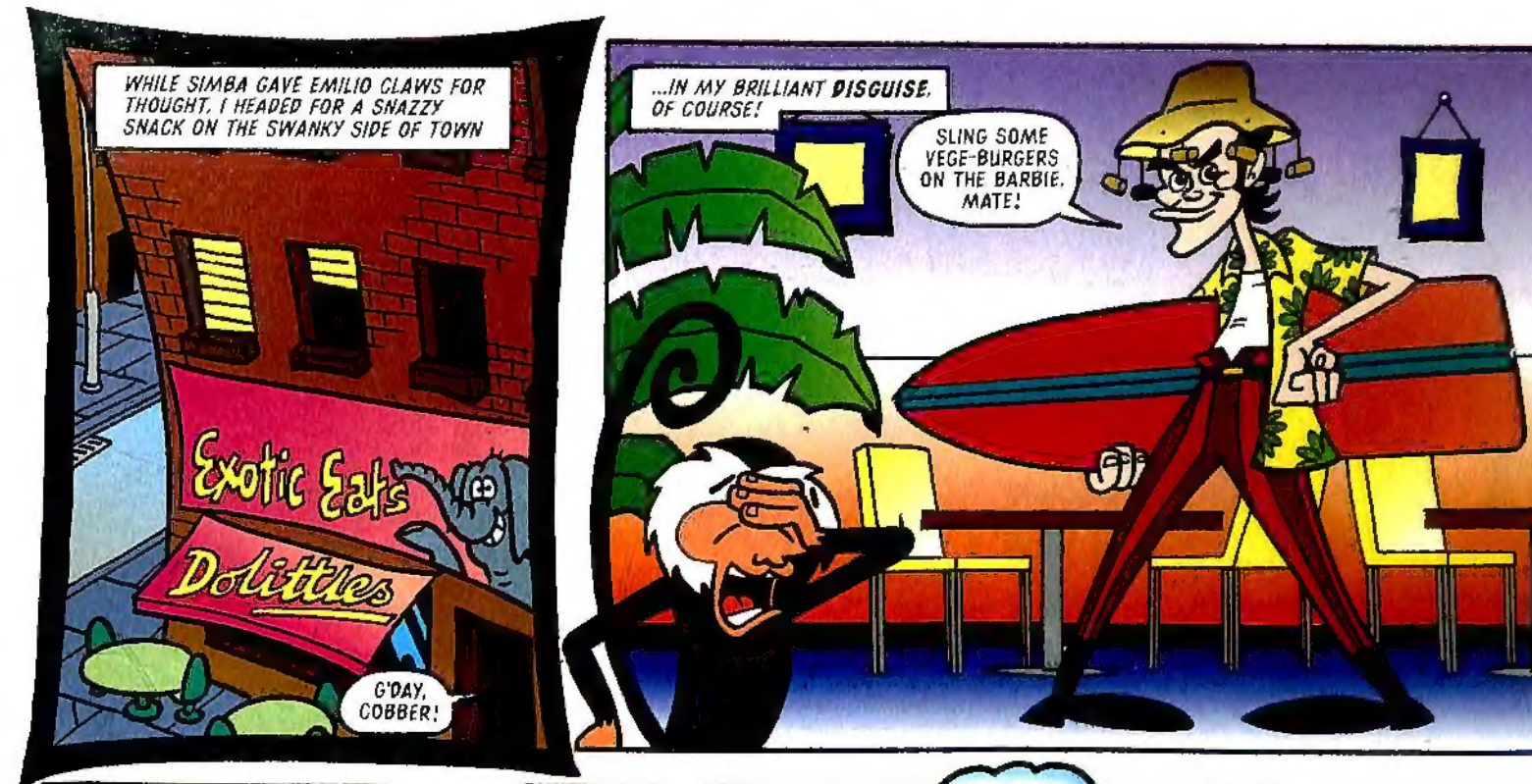
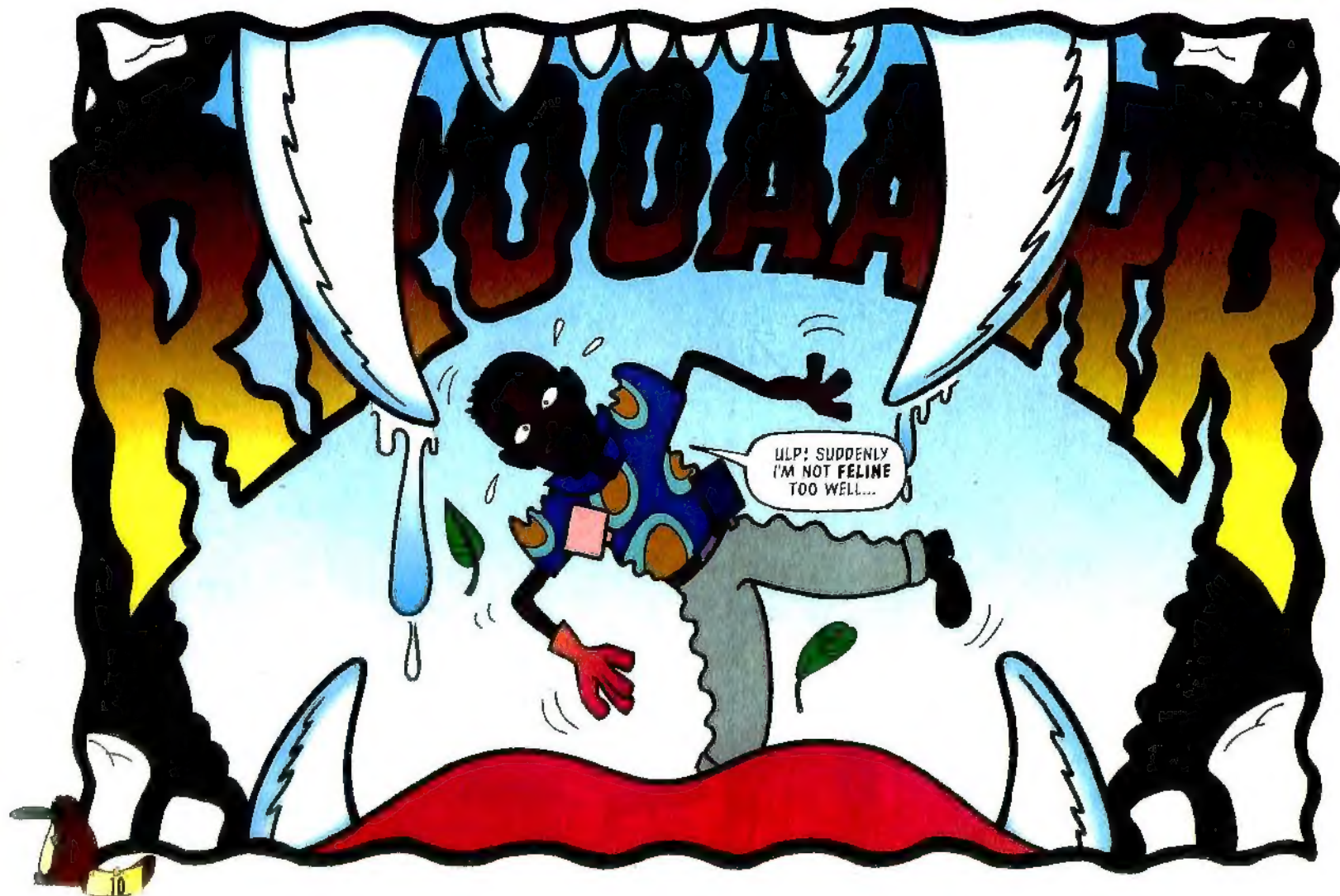
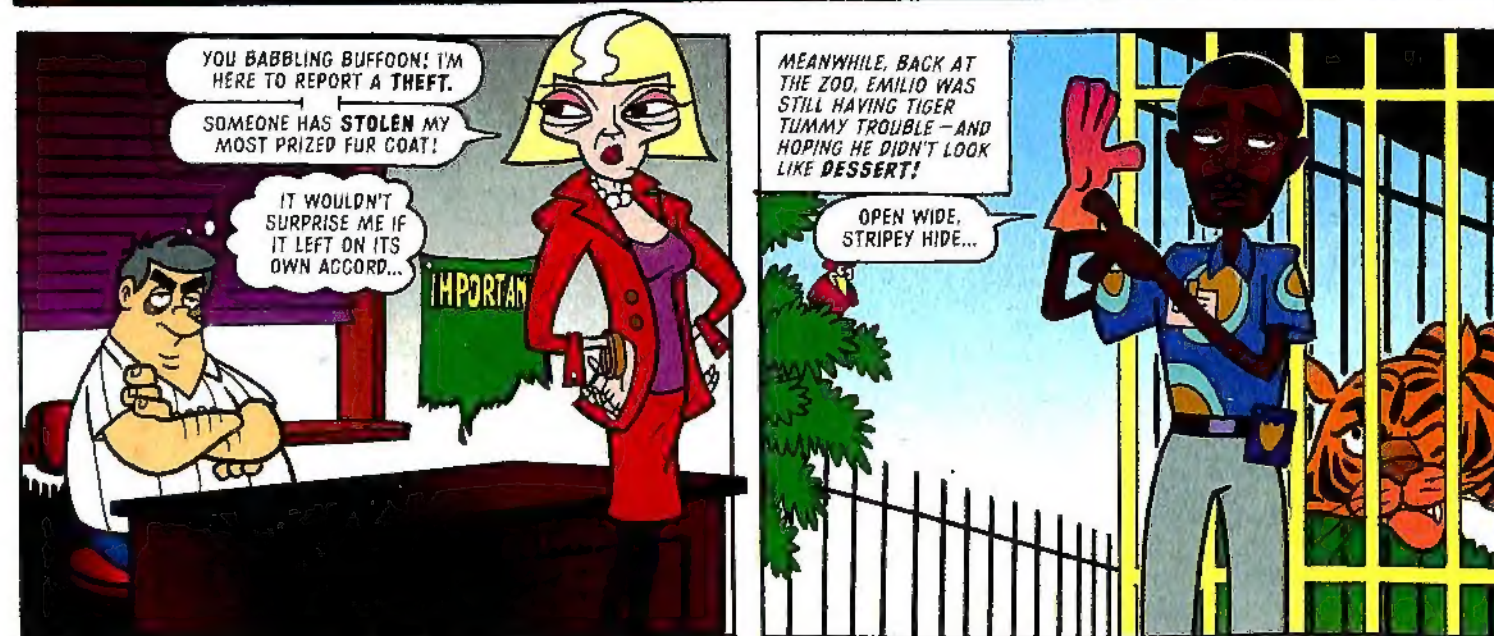
Square-eyed already and you still can't trace the prime suspect?  
What a numero uno loo-ooo-ooo-ser!









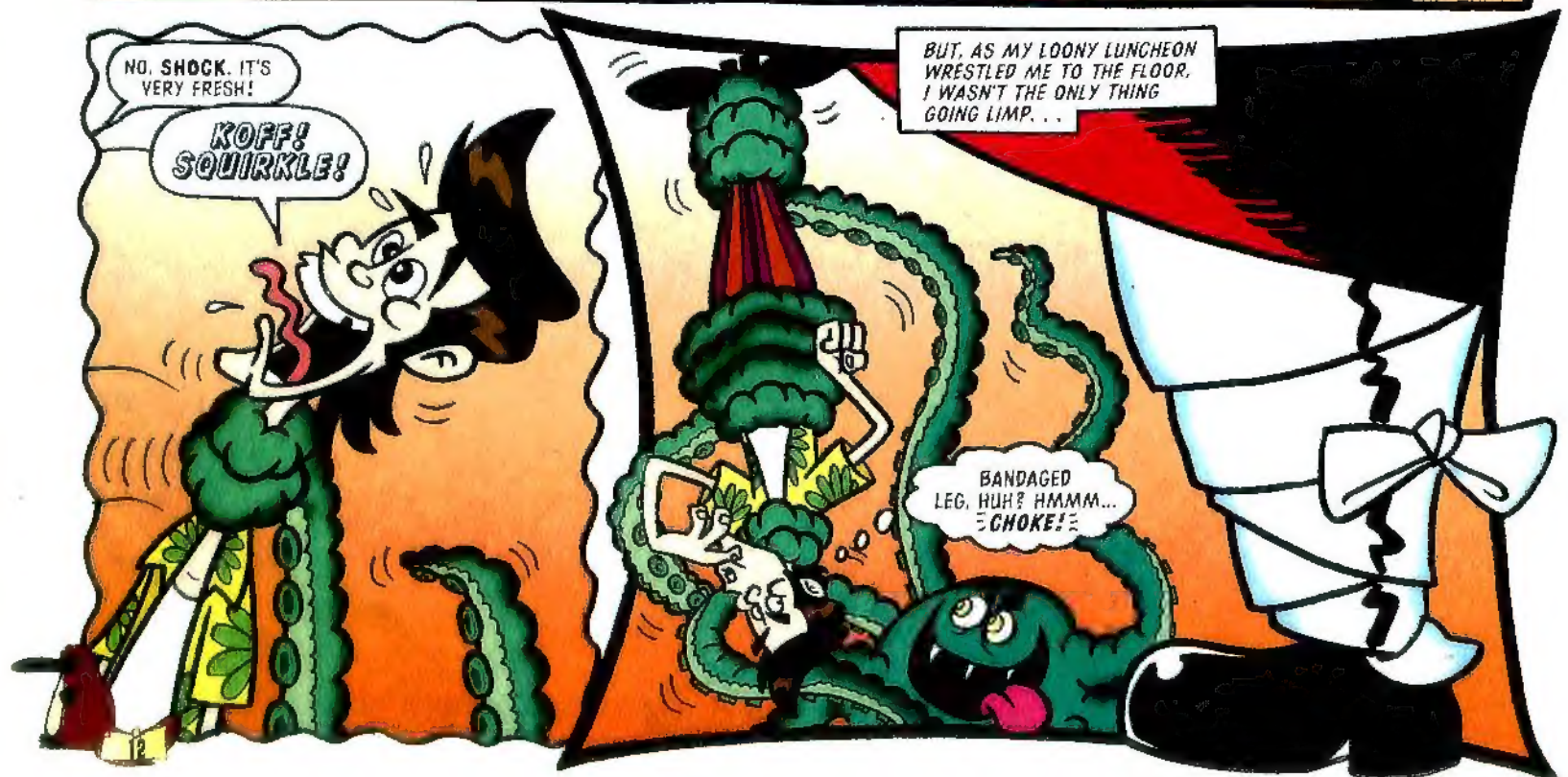
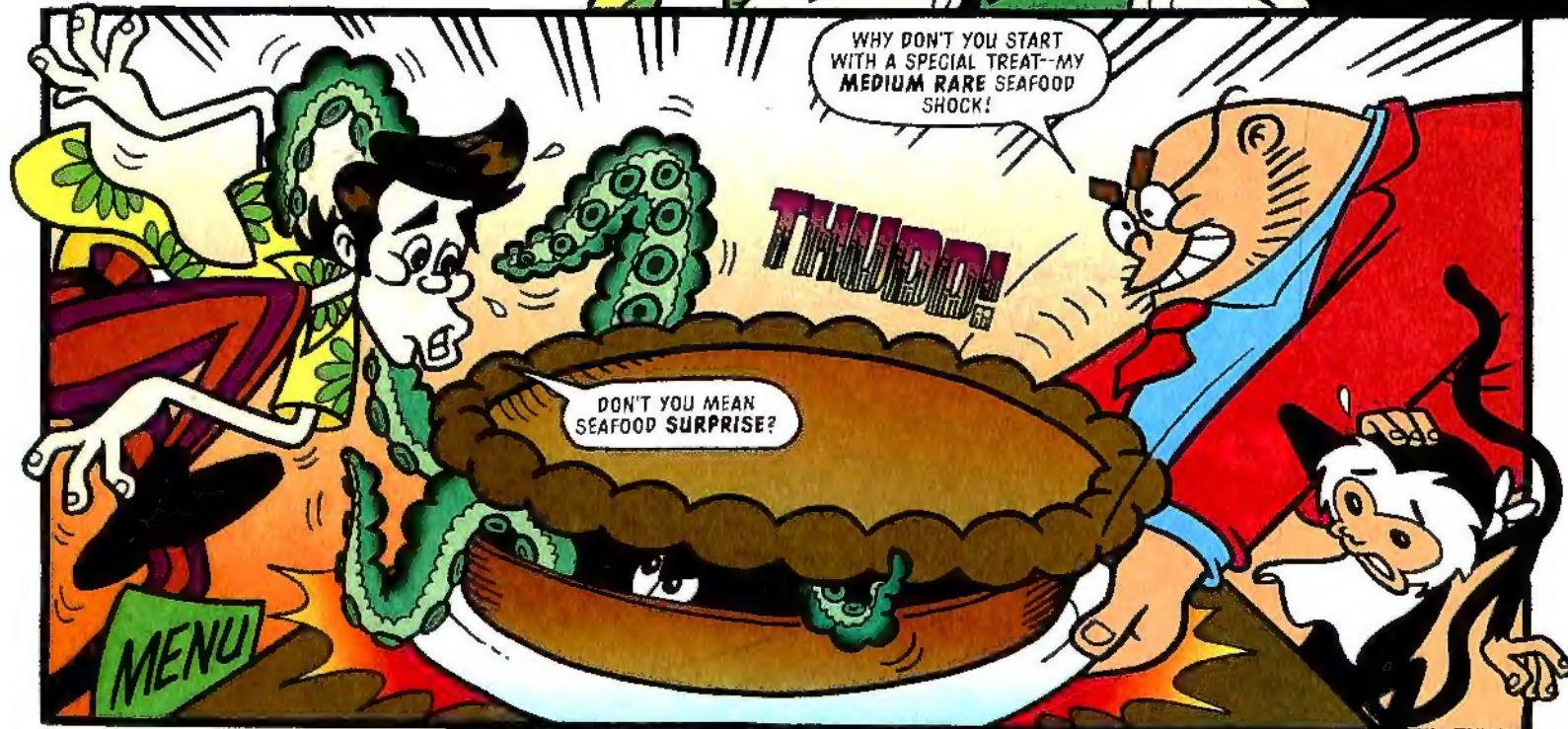






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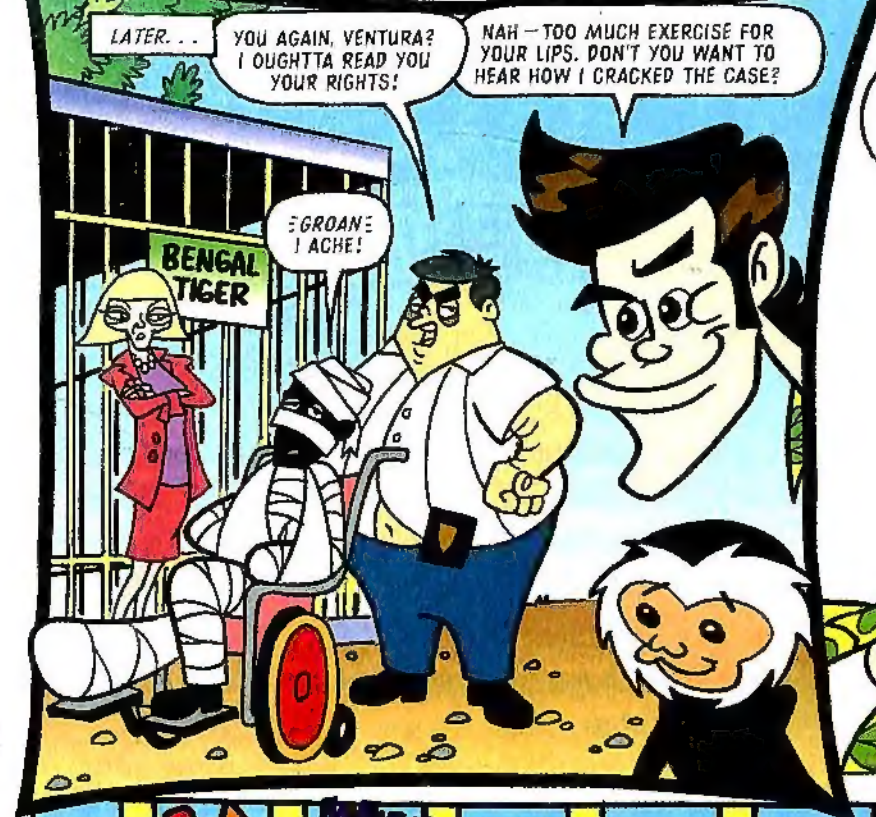
FLAME-GRILLED MANDRILL FEET IN BLACK BEAN SAUCE... STEWED ARABIAN ORYX WITH CRISPY ONION RINGS... OVEN-BAKED RUBBER BOA CRUMBLE...  
EEE-YUK! THESE ARE ALL RARE ANIMALS!















# WISE UP WITH WOODSTOCK!

Intro

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Yo, nature lovers! Woodstock's the name, information's the game. This month I have some impressive info and data about WWF (the World Wide Fund For Nature). With supporters around the globe, WWF's aim is to curb the degradation of the natural environment and safeguard a future in which people live in harmony with nature - right on, man!



## WAY TO GO WWF!

**T**he World Wide Fund For Nature is the world's largest conservation organisation with centres in 130 different countries. Since 1961, WWF has been involved in protecting numerous endangered species by conserving them in their natural habitats, curbing the illegal trade in wild animals and plants, and preserving the world's rain forests and woodlands.

Ninety four percent of forests are in crisis because they are not protected. Forests and woodlands are essential for all life on this planet. They provide lots of valuable products including wood and medicines, purifying the air we breath, help to combat the greenhouse effect, as well as providing a livelihood for people, and homes to numerous species of plants and animals.

The timber trade is largely responsible for threatening natural forests. Despite making efforts to re-plant young trees in newly cleared areas, it is the clearance of age-old forests that causes the most all-round destruction. In recognition of this, WWF's aim is to protect at least 10% of the world's forests by the year 2000, and independent certification of at least 10 million hectares of well-managed forests by the year 1998.

Man's greed and illegal trading of wild animals and plants is another major problem WWF is trying to combat. In many countries, WWF has successfully made trading of endangered reptile skins, furs, tortoise shells and ivory, illegal. However, these products along with traditional Oriental medicines using rhino horn, tiger bone, bear bile, or musk are still being smuggled into countries and sold. Acting on information given by the public, WWF has helped successfully convict those responsible for some of the most unspeakable animal crimes...

Deforestation, Brazil.



## CASE STUDIES

**A** taxidermist based in Wales, made a fortune smuggling endangered species into the UK. The animals were later stuffed and then illegally exported to customers around the world. The culprit was found guilty of smuggling the skull of a Great Philippine Eagle - of which there are only 50 left in the wild. A frozen carcass of a ring-tailed lemur was also discovered in his possession.

**A** British courier was arrested after attempting to smuggle eggs of Australian black cockatoos, in a special body vest. The arrest led to the exposé of a gang in the UK who were smuggling South American and African parrot eggs into Australia in exchange for those of the Australian black cockatoos. The mastermind behind the smuggling was jailed for eight years, and ironically, he was a former vet.

Many of the animals already mentioned have been brought back from the brink of extinction as a result of conserving natural habitats and banning the trade of endangered species.

**C**onservation efforts are also required closer to home. WWF-UK has highlighted the plight of barn owls, badgers, red squirrels, and the need to preserve habitats containing plants like fen orchids. Looming threats lie largely in road plans, building projects, mineral mining or people simply not caring either way what the consequences to the natural habitats are.

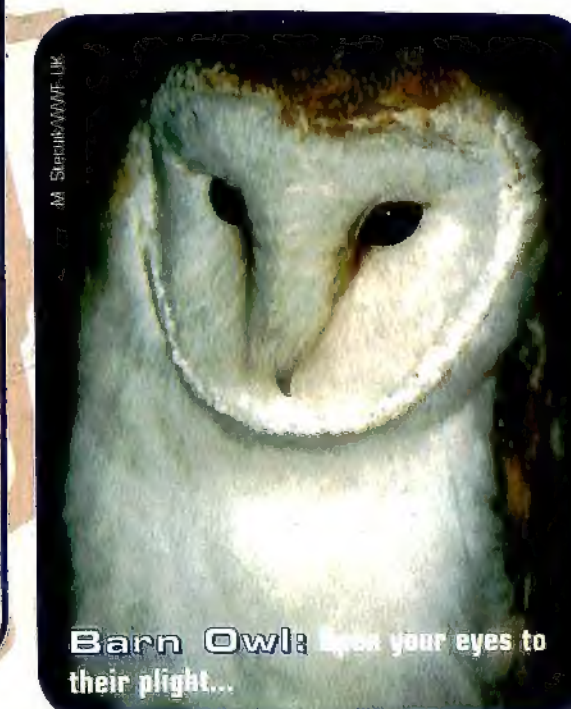


Golden Lion Tamarin.

The Golden Lion Tamarin of Brazil, has leapt in numbers from as little as 100 to 750.

**N**umerous other environmental areas have also benefited from WWF's efforts including conservation of wetlands, re-cycling of materials, air pollution, the list is endless. If everyone on the planet showed a little care and awareness then perhaps man can live in harmony with nature after all.

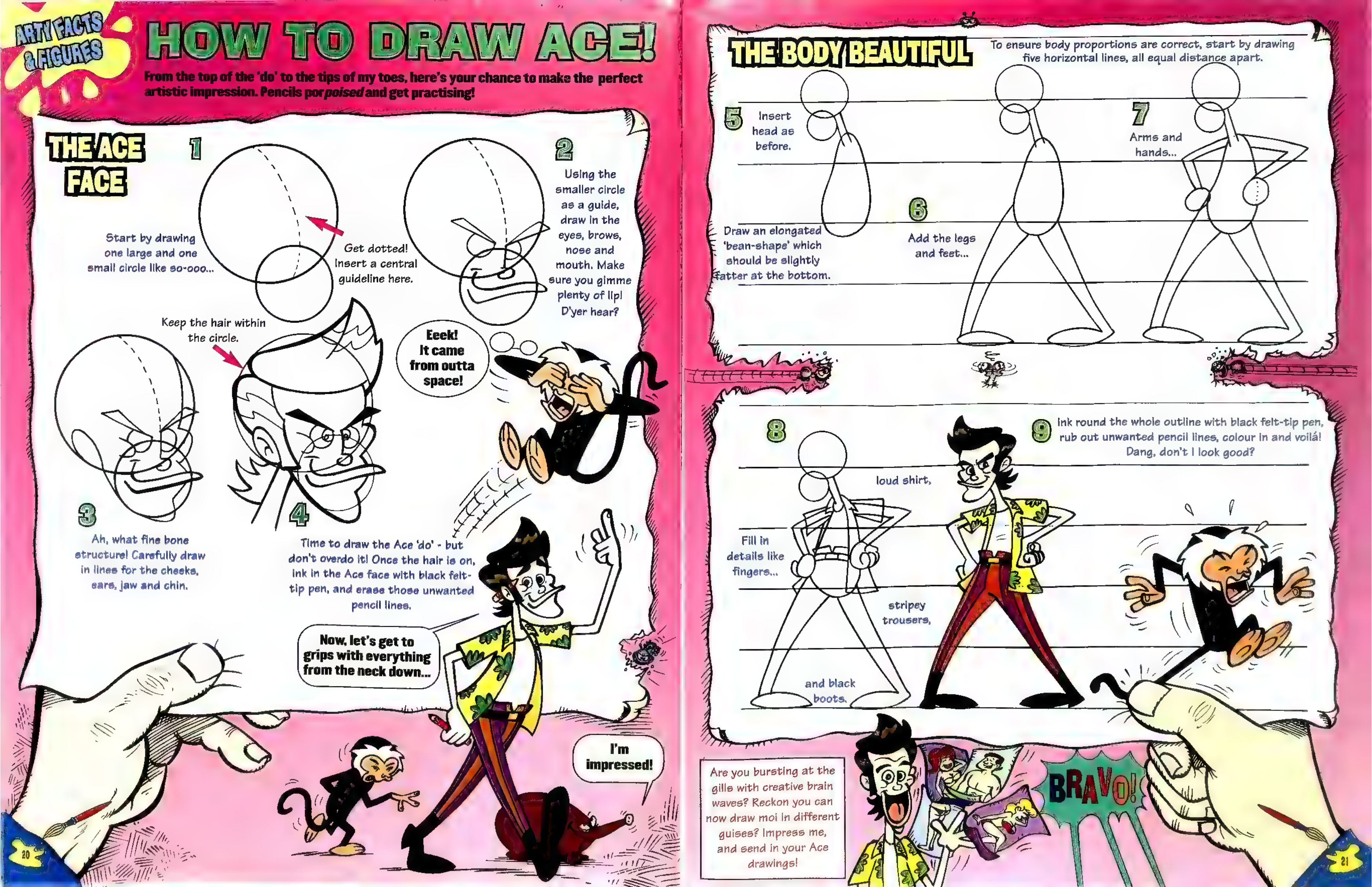
You can surf the Internet for more WWF info on: <http://www.wwf-uk.org>



Barn Owl: Open your eyes to their plight...







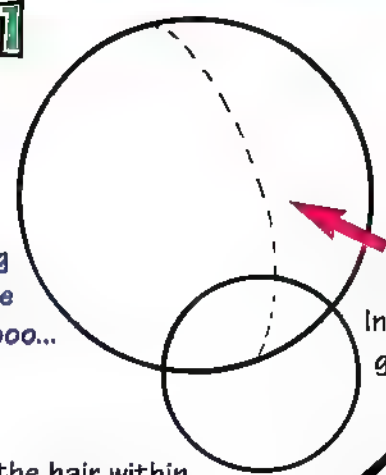
# HOW TO DRAW ACE!

From the top of the 'do' to the tips of my toes, here's your chance to make the perfect artistic impression. Pencils porpoised and get practising!

## THE ACE FACE

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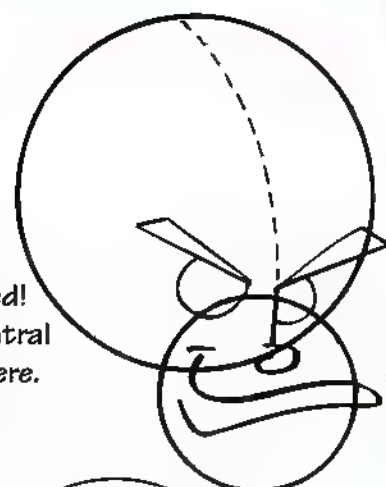
Start by drawing one large and one small circle like so-ooo...



Get dotted! Insert a central guideline here.

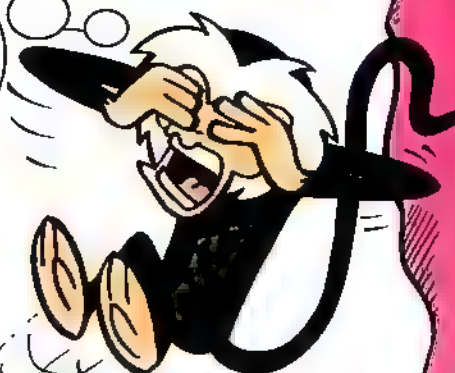
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Using the smaller circle as a guide, draw in the eyes, brows, nose and mouth. Make sure you gimme plenty of lip! D'yer hear?



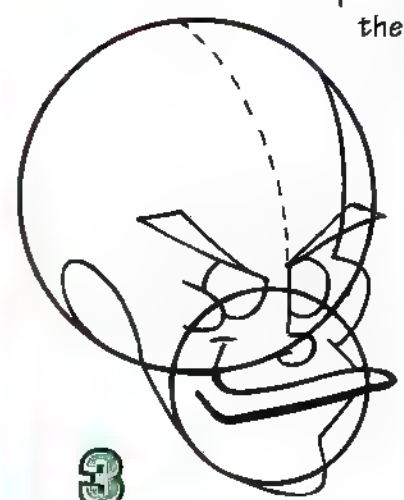
Keep the hair within the circle.

EEK!  
It came from outta space!



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Ah, what fine bone structure! Carefully draw in lines for the cheeks, ears, jaw and chin.



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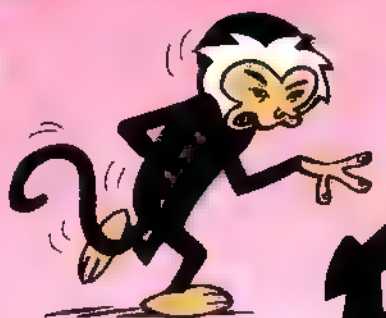
Time to draw the Ace 'do' - but don't overdo it! Once the hair is on, ink in the Ace face with black felt-tip pen, and erase those unwanted pencil lines.



Now, let's get to grips with everything from the neck down...



I'm impressed!



## THE BODY BEAUTIFUL

To ensure body proportions are correct, start by drawing five horizontal lines, all equal distance apart.

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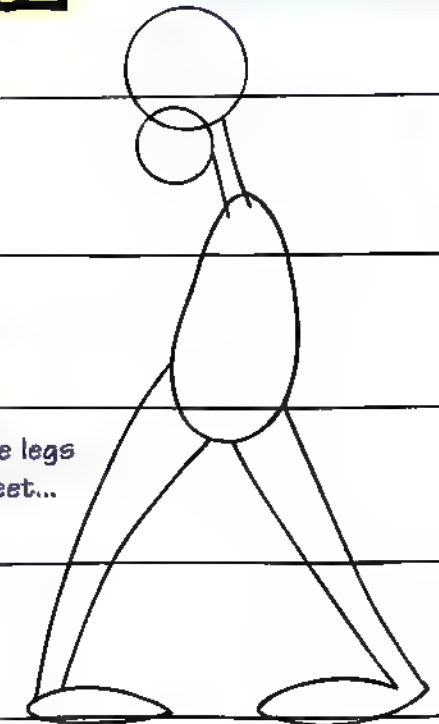
Insert head as before.



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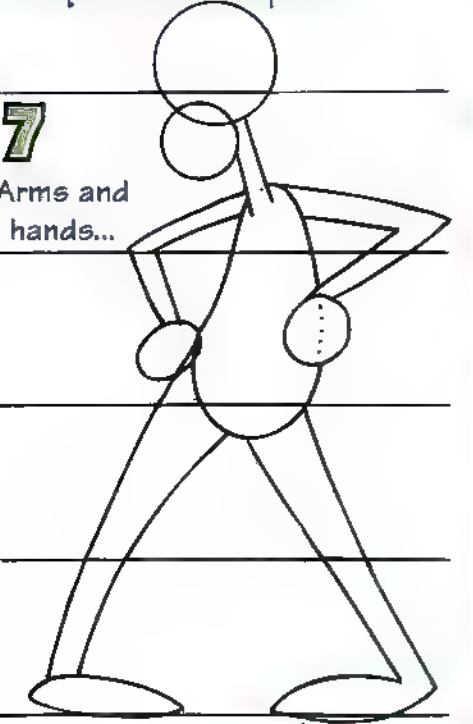
Draw an elongated 'bean-shape' which should be slightly fatter at the bottom.

Add the legs and feet...



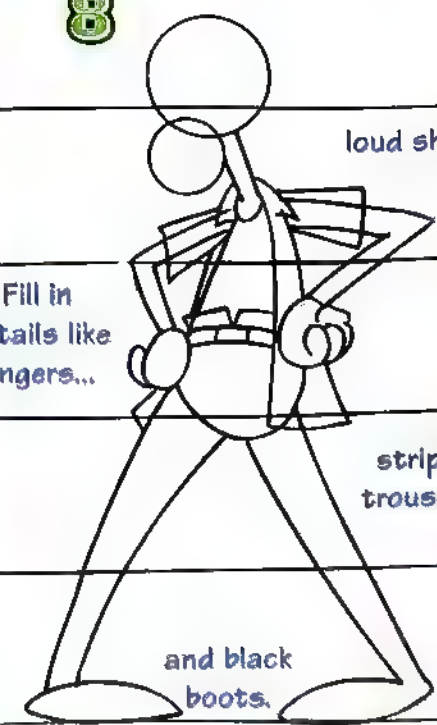
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Arms and hands...



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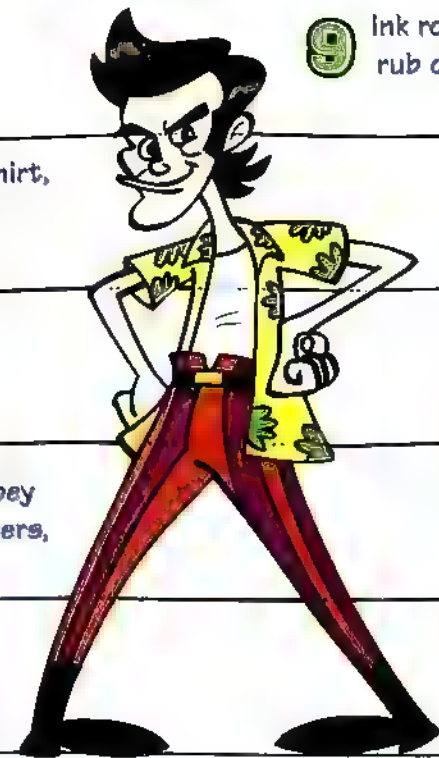
Fill in details like fingers...



loud shirt,

stripy trousers,

and black boots.



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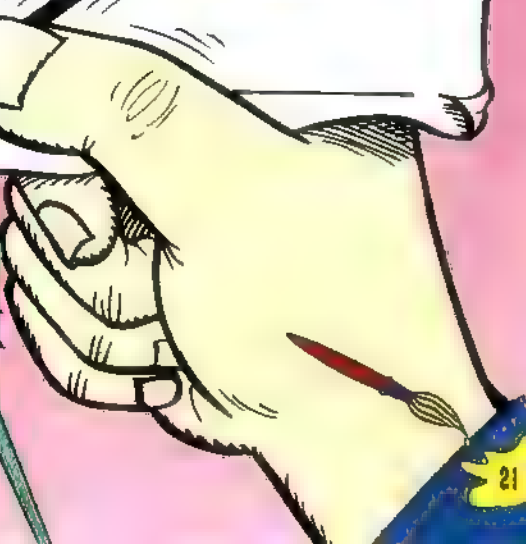
Ink round the whole outline with black felt-tip pen, rub out unwanted pencil lines, colour in and voilà! Dang, don't I look good?



Are you bursting at the gills with creative brain waves? Reckon you can now draw moi in different guises? Impress me, and send in your Ace drawings!



BRAVO!





# COLUMBOZO!

Written by Mark Bennington Art: Barrie Appley

**A**guado was the duffest detective in the history of crime. He thought 'deducing' was something you did to oranges! When it came to the crunch, the Police Department's fattest cop just didn't have a clue. Aguado was a regular Columbozo! Small wonder then, that his latest case assignment was proving to be one tough cookie - as usual, he was struggling.

Rare and valuable eggs had been stolen from the Diamond Beaks Bird Sanctuary, Aguado was getting nowhere fast. "No prints, no track, no traces - shucks! This case couldn't get much worse," he mumbled to himself. At that moment a walloping great slap on the back sent his huge, plump paunch, into wobbling overdrive! Like a jelly in an earthquake, it recoiled up and down several times before whacking him in the face. "Way-hayyy! Aguado, my amigo! I heard there was something mucho biggo going down." Aguado plucked his nose free from his belly button and scowled at Ace Ventura.

"Well, if it isn't Wacko Dogbrains! Beat it Ventura, there's nothin' doin' here. This case is a dodo. I've been over this joint a dozen times and I haven't picked up a single lead." Ace grinned, "Weeheeell, what about THIS?" Ace stooped down and scooped up a fingerful of icky green goop. Aguado looked disgusted. "Gleergh! That's pigeon poop!"

Ace rolled it around his finger, examined it close up, then wafted it expertly under his nose... "Gee, let me think... The guy we want is a white caucasian male, medium build, balding, about five feet nine inches tall, in his mid 30's, wears a leather jacket, drives a blue mustang license number CRIM NL and it's got a big dent on the front fender!" Aguado's mouth

hung open aghast, "Sheesh! You can tell all that from a pile of pigeon poop?" Ace shrugged, "Sort off. The pigeon who pooped it witNEST the crime. He gave me a complete description of the culprit."

Aguado looked up as he felt something plop onto his head. He seethed the mother of all seethes, "Stay out of my investigation, you amateur! Just remember, I'm the professional cop around here!" He dangled his Police Department badges under Ace's nose and with each growled word, prodded Ace's shirt. "Badges!... You... only... get... respect... if... you've... got... badges! At the final prod, two huge black and white stripey furballs shot out of Ace's shirt and made a bee-line for Aguado's finger. Aguado and the furballs rolled around the floor. "Get these things off me!" Ace grinned, "You know, you're right Aguado, I reeheeheeheally get respect with those badgers!"

There was a screech of brakes as Officer Squigley swung the patrol car into the yard. He called out to Aguado. "We've got an address for that blue mustang!" Aguado bundled himself into the car and smirked at Ace. "Patrol cars, now that's how we REAL cops have the edge. You'll never get through the rush hour traffic without one." Switching on the siren, Aguado screeched off into the distance. Ace was left standing in a cloud of exhaust fumes.

NEE NAW, NEE NAW, NEE NAW! As Aguado sped along the city streets, he glanced back over his shoulder and enliggered, "Ventura must be several blocks behind by now, heh, heh! It sure feels good to get one over on that meddling Pet Dick." For once, Aguado had the chance to wrap up a whole case all by himself.

Then, something in the air caught his ear... In the distance, another siren seemed to be getting nearer. "Funny, I didn't call for back-up." His lower jaw dropped into his socks as he caught sight of the approaching vehicle. A battered old pick-up truck weaved its way through the parting traffic and drew alongside. Ace Ventura was at the wheel. On the roof, a jar of fireflies flashed like a police light and in the passenger seat sat Denis the Donkey, braying loudly through the open window, "HEE HAW, HEE HAW!"

Ace waved across at Aguado who was too busy banging his head on the dashboard. "Dang, this is one sure way to travel, huh Aguado?" Ace grinned. Both vehicles pulled up together outside the suspects' apartment. Aguado leapt out through the side window without opening it, and rounded on Ace. "Get outta here ya' two bit Doc Doolittle! You're not comin' in! This is MY case!"

Officer Squigley chipped in, "He hasn't even got a search warrant." A big grin spread across Aguado's face... "Hey, that's right! I'm the only one who has a search warrant." Aguado stuck his tongue out and rasped a big squishy rasp. Ace watched from the sidewalk as the two police officers disappeared inside. His eyes narrowed cunningly as he cast his arms out wide. Sticking out his teeth he crouched down and began to hop around, hollering as he went... "COME TO ME, JUNGLE FRIENDS!"

Aguado and Officer Squigley had turned over the whole apartment and found a big fat zilch! Nothing! No rare eggs. Natch! Every drawer, cupboard, every possible concealment place was searched. The suspect, Sneaky McFreeky, continued to declare his innocence. "I'm telling you guys, I never took no bird eggs!" Aguado was becoming increasingly frustrated and vented his anger by belly-butting a nearby wall. "BOOMPH!" A huge chunk of plaster came loose from the ceiling and crashed down. Then they heard the rumbling. It was faint, but gradually grew louder, then almost deafening. The whole of the apartment began to shake violently and cracks appeared across the floor. "Lard belly! You've started an earthquake!" screamed McFreeky.

Suddenly the entire floor beneath their feet burst open and erupted in a mass of squidgy mud. "Arrghh! Something's coming up!" yelled Officer Squigley. "I think it's my lunch!" Aguado clenched his flabbering belly, something was indeed coming up! A dark shape emerged from the gaping hole in the floor. It grinned at them.

"Alrighty then!" A jubilant Ace popped out of the hole clutching the case of stolen eggs, "I found these under the floorboards!" He was quickly followed by a dozen tunnelling rabbits... "It's reeheeheeheally amazing what you can find with these SEARCH WARRENS!"

The end.





# Oddballz, Catz & Dogz Compo

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## WISHBONE & THE AMAZING ODYSSEY

Wishbone, the hottest dog on the Nickelodeon channel, makes his CD-ROM/On-line debut courtesy of Palladium Interactive. This mythical adventure game sees Wishbone getting up to all sorts of canine capers; unlocking secrets, solving puzzles and battling baddies. You can also learn more about Wishbone on the internet web site address: [www.palladiumnet.com](http://www.palladiumnet.com)

100% hygienic. No pooper scooper required!



## WIN! CRAZY ANIMALZ CD-ROMS!

**10** lucky readers could win a complete set containing all four CD-ROMs. Just answer this question:-



What breed of dog is Wishbone? is he

- A. A Dalmation
- B. A Pekinese
- C. A Jack Russell

Send your answer on a postcard with your full name and address details to:-

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c/o PN PR  
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## NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE...

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**ACE VENTURA**  
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Croc shocks for Ace in Get Snouty!  
Spike gets bitten by the lurvvve bug - ouch!  
Woodstock's Profile & Cool Compo  
Ace interpreter  
Petwatch A.V. Surprises in store  
and a whole lot more!

**SO-OOO SHARP & SNAPPY, IT BITES!**







# PETWATCH A.V.

**DING DONG...NATURE CALLING!** Yesss, I'm a man with a mission; to brief you on essential animal info you can't afford to ignore! Whether it's rare, endangered, or vulnerable in the animal kingdom, I'm gonna put you in the know. So, do-do-DON'T be a 100-500-000-000-ser - be aware and care!

## CRIME DESK

### GIANT PANDA

**Species name:** Ailuropoda melanoleuca

**RATING**  
**\*R** = Rare  
**E** = Endangered  
**V** = Vulnerable

The first captive panda was introduced to the West in 1937. It is a unique species of animal and only a few fortunate and highly favoured countries have been presented with them as precious diplomatic gifts. Its scarcity and popularity led to its adoption as the symbol of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

#### Features:

Cuddly and bear-like in shape, the panda has black markings around the eyes, ears, fore and hind-limbs and around the upper back. They have an 'extra-digit' on the forepaws, which like the thumb, is used to grip slender food stems.

#### Size & Weight:

At shoulder height, a male panda measures 70-80 centimetres (27-32 inches). Weighing 100-150 kilograms. Males are ten percent larger than females.

#### Eater:

Mainly bamboo stems (which it feeds on whilst sitting upright). Bulbs, grasses and occasionally insects and rodents may be eaten directly off the ground.

#### Breeding:

April-May is the only period that female pandas can successfully mate. Cubs are born blind, in sheltered dens. The litter size can be between 1-3 cubs, but the mother tends to concentrate on rearing only one cub and will ignore any others. Unfortunately, the survival rate for these abandoned cubs is low.

#### Behaviour:

Very solitary. They use scent glands to mark their territory and whinny-like bleating sounds to make known their presence.

#### Home Base:

Central and West China.

#### Watch Out:

Pandas are rare animals that have always been protected by sentiment and tradition. However, there is the constant threat of poachers who run the risk of setting mountainside traps. China's huge population increase over the past 15 years has also resulted in the pandas' habitat being reduced by half.

#### Bamboozled!

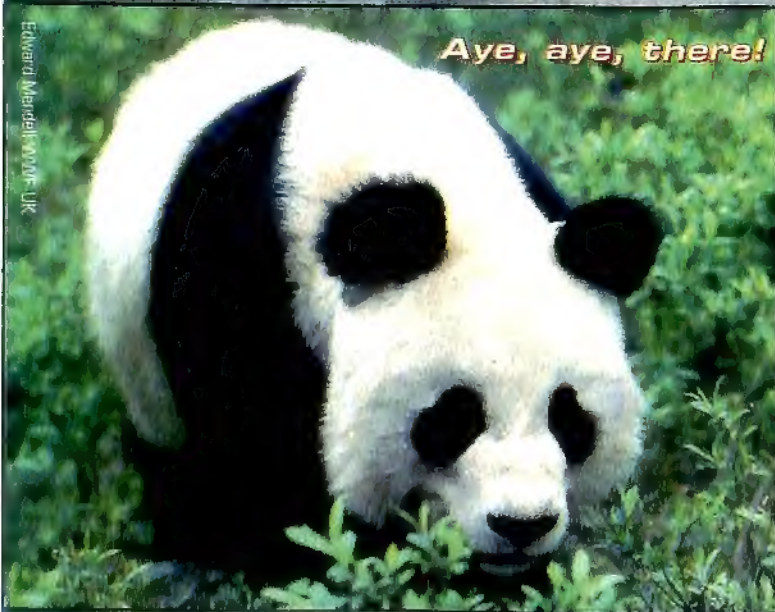


Edward Mendel/WWF-UK

#### Action!

The trading of panda skins carries the death penalty in China. With WWF's help, local rangers have been trained to combat poaching activities. By agreement with the Chinese government, WWF has also created bamboo 'corridors' to enable pandas to move from one area to another and so reduce the risk of in-breeding. This in turn, helps promote a healthier, increased population. Attempts to hand rear abandoned panda cubs from the wild and in captivity have so far, proved unsuccessful.

Aye, aye, there!



Edward Mendel/WWF-UK

# Spike

# GO

**Vocation:** The coolest cucumber around. He's Ace's right-hand monkey and partner in pet detection.

**Vital Statistics:** Short - under 15 inches in height! Tail - as long as he is.

**Characteristics:** Intelligent, inquisitive, lively, and down-right cool.

**Special Skills:** Being small and agile, he can squeeze through the tightest of spaces, chew through the toughest of twine, and pick locks with his long, spindly, tail.

**Fave Food:** This chimp likes to chomp! Whether it's a potted plant or a fleshy fruit, he'll check it out!

**Pet Loves:** Lots of attention and of course, the Ace-man. Altogether now, ahhh!

**Pet Hates:** Loneliness and being ignored.

**Bad Habits:** Prone to 'chittering' in his sleep and downing his food in one gulp!

**Party Piece:** Apeing around and weaving his 'monkey magic'...

**Hobbies:** A monkey of all trades, Spike can turn his hand to most things.





# ACE INTERPRETER

**Engage in a spot of animal speak with the Ace Ventura guide to understanding our fur and feathered friends! Take a peek at the picture clues and guess what the animals are saying.**

**Translation:**  
it's about time you  
changed your boots!

**Translation:**  
That's a great looking  
item of knitwear!

**RIB-IT! RIB-IT!**  
**RIB-IT!**

**Translation:**  
You've missed your bus trying to decipher what we're saying!

**Translation:**  
What a cheap skate,  
we're crickets  
not wickets!

**Translation:**  
That shelf of library books is wobbly!

**BUK! BUCK!**  
**BUK! BUK!**

**Translation:**  
First rule of thumb -  
always check your  
flies aren't undone!

**What's so hysterically funny about me reading a book?**

**BLUSH!**

**Next month: Lessons in Double Duck & Pigeon Henglish!**





**PS SEND FOR A FREE SHREDHEAD & SHREDLESS WONDER TOY!**

For your FREE Toys, write to us at the freepost address below (making sure you include your name and address in capital letters). Don't forget to get your letter signed by a parent or guardian. We will send you a Shredhead (a super bouncy ball, 2" in diameter, with the appearance of marmalade) and a Shredless Wonder (5" high with arms and legs you can twist into lots of odd positions). We only have 4,000 of each Toy to give away, so write in quickly (no stamp required). If you've already tried Robertson's Golden or Silver Shredless, please also let us know what you think. Only one of each Toy allowed per applicant. Open to UK residents only. Not suitable for children under 36 months. Offer closes 31.5.97 subject to availability. Send to: Shredz Offer, FREEPOST NWW1213, James Robertson & Sons, Draydsden, Manchester M43 9JR.

# VENT-URA VIEWS!

**CALLING ALL...  
ACE LOOK-A-LIKES! SCHOOL KIDS!  
PAMPERED PETS! OVER-GROWN ADULTS!**

Got a problem? Then confide in your uncle Ace! Whether it's good news, bad news or nit-picking pet problems, you can count on me to give you sound advice! Every letter, drawing, mugshot, or cry for help printed will be awarded with an exclusive **Ace Ventura Badge**. Send your offerings to:-

**Vent-Ura Views!**

**Egmont Fleetway Ltd., 25-31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SU.**



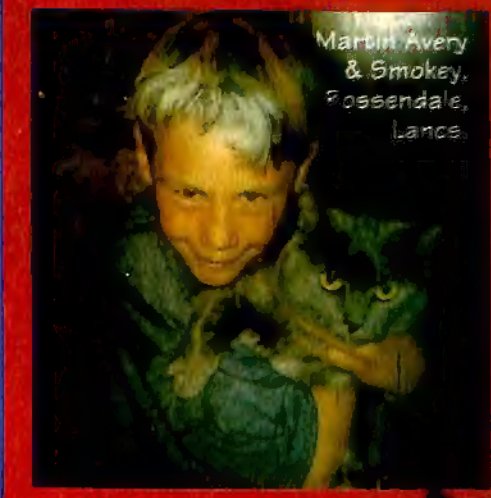
Nittin Randev,  
Glasgow,  
Scotland.

Now, that's what I call a flying head start!

## BUTT THAT'S SHOWBIZ!

Dear Ace Ventura,  
I enjoy watching your movies, but the scene in *When Nature Calls* when you came out of the plastic rhino's bottom was especially gross! Nevertheless, you are the best detective ever and I would still like to meet you in person.  
Georgina Ann Loftis,  
Chapelfields, Coventry.

Being 'born again' was a rejuvenating experience, Georgie. But do not fear, if we ever meet in person I'll be sure to have a bath beforehand!



Martin Avery  
& Smokey,  
Rossendale,  
Lancs.

Lurrrve the canary green and yellow hair, Mart. It sure knocks the colour off my shirt!

## TUNED IN!

Hey, Ace dude!  
If I hadn't popped into my local supermarket, I would never have found out about Ace Ventura the comic. Why on Earth didn't you advertise it on TV or in the newspaper? From now on, I'm going to buy it every month. Oh, and issue 2's Iron on T-shirt transfer was the business!  
Alexander Webb, Cheltenham, Glos.

Look at it this way Alex, by visiting the local store, your inquisitive nature coupled with the strong animal magnetism of the Ace mag, led you to discover it. Plenty of other 'in-tune' dudes have already experienced the same phenomenon!

## BASIC INSTINCT

Dear Ace,  
I have one question: How did your love of animals come to be?  
Tim Hart, Falmouth, Cornwall.

Anyone who has a heart (and that includes you, Timmy boy) will know that all animal amigos have feelings, too.

Robb McDougall,  
Kendal, Cumbria.



I must be seeing double...

## IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

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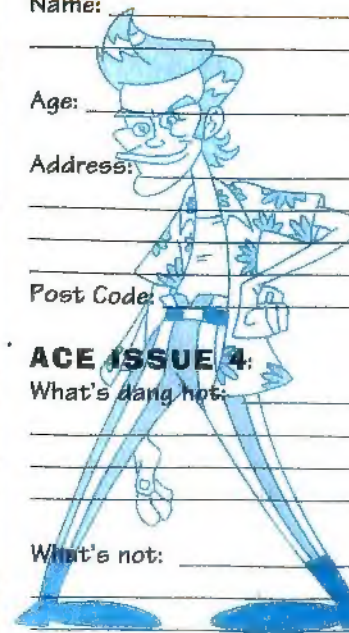
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**ACE ISSUE 4:**  
What's dang hot: \_\_\_\_\_

What's not: \_\_\_\_\_





# Spotlight on The Disney Channel

Catch all of your favourite characters strutting their stuff on The Disney Channel in January. It's a must for all those in the know.

## The Mighty Ducks

This hard-wearing hockey-gear doubles up for super heroes - a must for every teenage mallard's wardrobe this season.



Sebastian and Flounder, Ariel's constant companions carry on their high jinks 'under da sea'.



## Brand Spanking New Doug

Knobbly-kneed 12-year-olds may not be everyone's idea of a super-model, but who knows where Doug's imagination will take him next...



## The Little Mermaid

And here comes Princess Ariel, sporting the latest in beach-wear. She's bound to make a big splash on the catwalks and on your TV screens!



## Timon and Pumbaa

And of course, centre stage, The Disney Channel presents those lovable rogues, Timon and Pumbaa.



## Aladdin - The Series

Cutting a dashing figure, here's Aladdin, in an in-Genie-ous little number from Arabia.

Catch up on the latest news about your favourite programmes on The Disney Channel Web site <http://www.disneychannel.co.uk>

